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Energy Sector

1. *August 13, San Gabriel Valley Tribune* – (California) **Pasadena pays \$550,000 to settle power plant lawsuit.** The city of Pasadena agreed to pay a \$550,000 August 13 in a settlement reached with the California Clean Energy Committee (CCEC) in response to claims that plans to add a natural gas turbine to the Glenarm Power Plant violated environmental laws. The CCEC plans to use the settlement to fund a study on how the city could avoid releasing excess heat from such a turbine into the air.
Source: <http://www.sgvtribune.com/general-news/20150812/pasadena-pays-550000-to-settle-power-plant-lawsuit>
2. *August 12, Associated Press* – (National) **Great Lakes gas prices jump after partial refinery shutdown.** The BP Whiting Refinery in northern Indiana shut down one of its three crude distillation units August 8 due to unscheduled repair work, forcing the refinery to operate at reduced production until further notice.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Business/wireStory/great-lakes-gas-prices-jump-partial-refinery-shutdown-33043117>

Chemical Industry Sector

See item [3](#)

Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

Nothing to report

Critical Manufacturing Sector

3. *August 13, KREM 2 Spokane* – (Washington) **8 critically hurt in chlorine leak at recycling plant.** Authorities reported that an August 12 chemical leak in a barrel at Pacific Steel and Recycling plant in Spokane hospitalized at least 10 workers and prompted an evacuation of a 4-block perimeter surrounding the site. Crews worked to decontaminate employees exposed to the chemical and officials temporarily halted Burlington Northern train traffic through the area.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/08/12/8-critically-hurt-chlorine-leak-recycling-plant/31584875/>
4. *August 12, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Alabama) **OSHA report: Inzi Controls Inc., continues to expose workers to amputation hazards.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited Inzi Controls of Alabama Inc., a Hyundai parts supplier, for 1 repeated and 1 serious safety violation August 11 for failing to develop and follow procedures to prevent machinery from starting up during maintenance and servicing. Proposed penalties total \$45,500.
Source:
https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=28557

Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

Financial Services Sector

5. *August 13, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **Edward Jones to pay \$20 million for overcharging retail customers in municipal bond underwritings.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission announced August 13 that the St. Louis-based brokerage firm Edward Jones and the former leader of its municipal bonds underwriting desk would pay over \$20 million to resolve allegations that they overcharged customers in new municipal bonds sales instead of offering them at the typical initial offering price.
Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-166.html>
6. *August 12, Reuters* – (National) **U.S. charges data brokers in \$7 million payday loan scam.** The U.S. Federal Trade Commission announced charges August 12 against Sequoia One LLC, Gen X Marketing Group LLC, and 4 suspects in a data broker operation for allegedly selling the financial information of 500,000 payday loan applicants' to scammers, who raided bank accounts for at least \$7.1 million.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/08/12/usa-ftc-fraud-idUSL1N10N1F320150812>
7. *August 13, Philadelphia Business Journal* – (National) **Trio of regulators order big bank to pay \$34M for deposit discrepancies.** The U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, U.S. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency ordered Citizens Bank to pay \$20 million in fines and \$14 million in restitution for failing to honor full credit for customer deposits until the fourth quarter of 2013.
Source: <http://www.bizjournals.com/philadelphia/news/2015/08/12/citizens-bank-fine-deposits-owed-20m-fdic.html>

Transportation Systems Sector

8. *August 13, News 13 Orlando* – (Florida) **Gas tanker overturns in I-4 crash near downtown Orlando.** Crews are investigating a crash involving an overturned gas tanker and a second vehicle, which prompted the closure of several lanes of eastbound Interstate 4 between Anderson Street and Princeton Street in Orlando for approximately 5 hours August 13.
Source:
http://www.mynews13.com/content/news/cfnews13/news/article.html/content/news/articles/cfn/2015/8/13/orlando_i4_gas_tanke.html
9. *August 12, Associated Press* – (Pennsylvania) **86-mile section of Pennsylvania Turnpike reopens entirely.** All lanes of the Pennsylvania Turnpike between the Breezewood and New Stanton exits were closed for 5 hours August 12 after a semi-truck overturned and crossed the median barrier, causing fluid to leak on the highway.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/closure-on-pennsylvania-turnpike-between-new-stanton-and-breezewood/34671164>

10. *August 12, Medford Mail Tribune* – (Oregon) **Highway 230 closed at Highway 138 because of fires.** A 12-mile stretch of Highway 230 was closed between Highway 138 and U.S. Forest Service Road 6560 in Crater Lake due to the 2,020-acre Crescent Fire and the 112-acre National Fire near the Crater Lake National Park boundary. Visitors to Diamond Lake were placed on a Level 1 evacuation advisory, and several trails and forest roads within the park were closed.
Source: <http://www.mailtribune.com/article/20150812/NEWS/150819876>
11. *August 12, San Diego Union-Tribune* – (California) **Spilled oil closes north I-805 lanes.** All but one freeway lane was closed for more than 2 hours August 12 on northbound Interstate 805 in California after a 4-vehicle collision spilled oil across several lanes.
Source: <http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/2015/aug/12/oil-spill-interstate-805-closure-traffic/>
12. *August 12, South Florida Sun-Sentinel* – (Florida) **Federal Highway fully reopened through Deerfield Beach following gas leak.** A gas leak on South Federal Highway in Deerfield Beach, Florida, forced the closure of all lanes between Southeast 10th Street and 13th Court for over 3 hours August 12 after a backhoe struck an underground gas line.
Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/deerfield-beach/fl-deerfield-gas-leak-20150812-story.html>
13. *August 12, Danville Register & Bee* – (North Carolina) **Propane truck wreck closes N.C. 86.** Both lanes of N.C. 86 in Caswell County were closed for more than 9 hours August 12 after a semi-truck overturned near North Elementary School, prompting safety crews to evacuate nearby homes.
Source: http://www.godanriver.com/news/danville/propane-truck-wreck-closes-n-c/article_a2485276-4129-11e5-9570-93795828862b.html
14. *August 12, Orange County Register* – (California) **Lanes reopen on westbound 22 after collision caused cement truck to overturn.** At least 2 westbound lanes on the California State Route 22 freeway were shut down for over 3 hours August 12 after an overturned semi-truck leaked fuel onto the road following a collision with another vehicle.
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/truck-677122-driver-officials.html>
15. *August 12, Casa Grande Dispatch* – (Arizona) **Storm causes power outages, flight delays in Phoenix area.** Approximately 30 incoming flights to Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix were diverted to other airports due to a monsoon storm August 11.
Source: http://www.trivalleycentral.com/casa_grande_dispatch/arizona_news/storm-causes-power-outages-flight-delays-in-phoenix-area/article_90992418-4108-11e5-

For additional stories, see items [3](#) and [26](#)

Food and Agriculture Sector

16. *August 13, International Business Times* – (California) **Bumble Bee Foods to pay \$6M over worker's grisly death.** Bumble Bee Foods LLC agreed to pay \$6 million August 12 to settle criminal charges following a 2012 incident where an employee died in a pressure cooker at the company's plant in Santa Fe Springs, California. The company was ordered to replace outdated ovens, implement enhanced safety measures, and pay additional fines and penalties.

Source: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/money/companies/bumble-bee-foods-to-pay-dollar6m-over-worker%20%99s-grisly-death/ar-BBIHDQg>

Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

17. *August 13, Ann Arbor News* – (Michigan) **3,000 gallons of partially treated sewage overflow into Huron River.** An estimated 3,000 gallons of partially treated sewage water overflowed into Huron River August 12 after an underground pipe broke at a city wastewater treatment plant in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The broken portion of the pipe system was shut off, and city officials reported that health and environmental impact was minimal.

Source: http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2015/08/3000_gallons_of_partially_trea.html

18. *August 12, Salem-News.com* – (Oregon) **Health advisory issued August 12 for water contact at Sunset Bay State Park Beach.** A public health notice advising visitors to avoid direct contact with water at Sunset Bay State Park Beach and nearby waterways was issued August 12 until further notice by the Oregon Health Authority after high levels of fecal bacteria were found in ocean waters in Coos County.

Source: <http://www.salem-news.com/articles/august122015/sunset-bay-water.php>

19. *August 12, KSL 5 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Utah declares state of emergency, considers legal action over EPA spill.** The governor of Utah issued a state of emergency August 12 after a spill in Colorado unleashed 3 million gallons of contaminated wastewater into the Animas River, which runs into the San Juan River. State officials continue to monitor the waterway and take samples.

Source:

https://www.ksl.com/?sid=35931048&nid=148&fm=most_popular&s_cid=popular-4

20. *August 12, Long Beach Post* – (California) **Motorist hits exposed pipe in construction zone Tuesday night, sending thousands of gallons of water into the air.** Approximately 10,000 gallons of potable water were spilled in Long Beach, California, August 11 after a motorist struck an exposed pipeline connected to a water main.

Source: <http://lbpost.com/news/2000006816-motorist-hits-exposed-pipe-in->

construction-zone-causing-thousands-of-gallons-of-water-into-the-air

21. **August 12, Temple Daily Telegram** – (Texas) **TCEQ cites Pier 36 owner, Corps with violations.** The owner of the Pier 36/Lake Belton Marina and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for Belton and Stillhouse lakes were officially cited by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality August 11 for having an unauthorized on-site sewage facility at the marina. Both entities are required to obtain authorization to treat and discharge wastewater, submit a corrective action plan, and provide documentation of compliance by September 9.

Source: http://www.tdtnews.com/news/article_0d0e4186-4168-11e5-9b72-5fb09dd610df.html

22. **August 12, Associated Press** – (Colorado) **City of Burlington cited for water violations, needs help paying fine.** The city of Burlington was issued a nearly \$1 million fine from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for over 2,100 violations of State drinking water standards. City officials plan to appeal the fine, insisting they are unable to afford the fine in addition to the nearly \$4.5 million needed to fix the problem.

Source: <http://denver.cbslocal.com/2015/08/12/city-of-burlington-cited-for-water-violations/>

Healthcare and Public Health Sector

23. **August 13, Associated Press** – (International) **FDA: Celebrity violated federal drug-promotion rules with Instagram, Facebook posts.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a warning letter August 7 to Canadian drugmaker Duchesnay Inc., claiming that a celebrity's social media posts promoting its drug Diclegis violated Federal drug-promotion rules and stated that the posts do not detail potential side effects of the drug. The agency urged the company to remove the social media posts immediately and outline a plan for preventing future violations by August 21.

Source: <http://www.newsday.com/entertainment/celebrities/fda-kim-kardashian-violated-federal-drug-promotion-rules-with-instagram-facebook-posts-1.10734829>

24. **August 11, Washington Free Beacon** – (National) **35,000 combat veterans denied health care because of VA computer error.** A spokesperson with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) stated August 11 that the agency was taking action to enroll and reach out to 35,093 combat veterans that were denied health care enrollment for more than 5 years due to an error with the department's computer system. The VA also stated that it is working to correct the computer error.

Source: <http://freebeacon.com/issues/35000-combat-veterans-denied-health-care-because-of-va-computer-error/>

Government Facilities Sector

25. **August 13, KXTV 10 Sacramento** – (California) **Cal Fire: “Good progress” made on fires in Lake County.** Fire officials stated that crews reached 33 percent containment August 13 of the 23,500-acre Jerusalem Fire in Lake and Napa Counties, and crews

reached 95 percent containment of the 69,438-acre Rocky Fire after the 2 fires merged. All evacuations related to the Rocky Fire were lifted and authorities expect the Jerusalem Fire to be fully contained by August 17.

Source: <http://www.news10.net/story/news/local/california/2015/08/11/jerusalem-fire-lake-county-napa-county/31505309/>

26. *August 13, KBOI 2 Boise* – (Idaho; Oregon) **Soda Fire: Highway 95 closed again, evacuations lifted.** Evacuations were lifted for all residents August 13 while crews continued to battle the 200,000-acre Soda Fire in Boise. Highway 95 between the Oregon border and Highway 55 remained closed, and 1 structure was destroyed while several others remain threatened.
Source: <http://www.kboi2.com/news/local/Soda-Fire-Homes-evacuated-Highway-95-closed--321640322.html>
27. *August 13, Orange County Register* – (California) **Secret Service investigates hacking at Orange County Employees Association.** The U.S. Secret Service is investigating a breach of the Orange County Employees Association’s servers, after the union notified its members July 31 that hackers may have stolen the personal information of thousands of Orange County members and nonmembers who have insurance through the association-operated Velece Insurance Corp. The association discovered the breach July 23 and continues to investigate.
Source: <http://www.ocregister.com/articles/ocea-677223-union-information.html>
28. *August 12, Juneau Empire* – (Alaska) **Ex-cop, coastie accused of PFD fraud.** A former southeast Alaskan police officer, an Alaska-based U.S. Coast Guard officer, and a third individual were charged the week of August 3 for defrauding Alaska’s Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) system, which distributes shares of the State’s oil wealth to residents, by reporting false information on their PFD applications. The former police officer and U.S. Coast Guard officer received PFD money illegally after fraudulently claiming to hold legal residence in the State.
Source: <http://juneauempire.com/local/2015-08-12/ex-cop-coastie-accused-pfd-fraud>

29. *August 12, Military Times* – (International) **ISIS hacking group tweets support for ‘lone wolf’ attacks on military personnel.** A spokesperson with the Pentagon in the U.S. stated that officials are investigating after a group claiming to be affiliated with the Islamic State (ISIS) dubbed “Islamic State Hacking Division,” after allegedly releasing the personal information of more than 1,400 U.S. military and government personnel through Twitter August 11. The group urged others to carry out attacks, and the Twitter account has since been suspended.
Source: <http://www.militarytimes.com/story/military/pentagon/2015/08/12/isis-hacking-group-tweets-support-lone-wolf-attacks-military-personnel/31550919/>

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Emergency Services Sector

30. *August 13, KXTV 10 Sacramento; Associated Press* – (California) **Member of**

infamous ‘San Quentin 6’ killed in Folsom prison riot. Guards used pepper spray and fired warning shots to control a riot involving 70 inmates at the California State Prison, Sacramento after an inmate was attacked in the exercise yard and killed August 12. At least 11 other inmates were injured in the riot.

Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2015/08/12/folsom-prison-riot-killed/31574409/>

31. ***August 12, Los Angeles Times*** – (California) **Two arrested after laser pointed at L.A. County sheriff’s helicopter.** Authorities arrested and charged two people August 12 after a laser was pointed at a Los Angeles County sheriff’s helicopter during a training exercise in Agoura Hills August 11.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-laser-sheriff-helicopter-20150812-story.html>

Information Technology Sector

32. ***August 13, Securityweek*** – (International) **SAP Security updates patch 22 vulnerabilities.** SAP released patches for 22 vulnerabilities and updated four previously released patches, including a remote code execution flaw in SAP ST-P that an attacker could leverage to compromise SAP servers and access information stored on them, and a Reflected File Download (RFD) in SAP’s NetWeaver AFP Servlet that could be exploited to push malware onto victims’ devices using a specially crafted link, among other flaws.
Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/sap-security-updates-patch-22-vulnerabilities>
33. ***August 13, Help Net Security*** – (International) **Cisco spots attackers hijacking its networking gear by modifying firmware.** Cisco reported that attackers have been conducting attacks in-the-wild in which they gain administrative or physical access to an IOS device before replacing the IOS ROMMON with a malicious ROMMON image in order to manipulate device behavior.
Source: <http://www.net-security.org/secworld.php?id=18762>
34. ***August 12, The Register*** – (International) **CAUGHT: Lenovo crams unremovable crapware into Windows laptops – by hiding it in the BIOS.** Security researchers reported that Lenovo bundled laptops with persistent firmware that installs the Lenovo Service Engine (LSE) software, which is vulnerable to a buffer-overflow flaw that could be exploited to gain administrator-level privileges. The LSE software is no longer included in new laptops.
Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/08/12/lenovo_firmware_nasty/
35. ***August 12, Threatpost*** – (International) **Vulnerabilities identified in several WordPress plugins.** Researchers from dxw Security discovered cross-site scripting (XSS) and blind Structured Query Language (SQL) vulnerabilities in WordPress’ iframe version 3.0, Yoast’s Google Analytics, and Symposium plugins for WordPress that could give some users administrative privileges.
Source: <https://threatpost.com/vulnerabilities-identified-in-several-wordpress-plugins/114255>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

Communications Sector

Nothing to report

Commercial Facilities Sector

36. *August 13, KARE 11 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **First Avenue evacuated after ceiling collapse, injuries reported.** At least 3 people were injured August 12 during a concert at the First Avenue nightclub in Minneapolis after portions of the ceiling collapsed forcing the evacuation of 750 people and the closure of the venue August 13-14.
Source: <http://www.kare11.com/story/news/2015/08/12/first-avenue-evacuated-after-ceiling-collapse-injuries-reported/31595257/>
37. *August 13, KCPQ 13 Tacoma* – (Washington) **Police take woman into custody after lengthy standoff at Fife hotel.** Officials arrested a woman after 20 rooms at the Econo Lodge in Fife, Washington, were evacuated for nearly 10 hours August 12 during a standoff with the woman who threatened to shoot up the building during an alleged domestic violence incident at the hotel.
Source: <http://q13fox.com/2015/08/12/police-evacuate-part-of-econo-lodge-in-fife-during-standoff-with-woman-in-room/>
38. *August 13, KNBC 4 Los Angeles* – (California) **Severed gas line fuels fire after car crashes into cafe.** Officials reported that Cafe de Paris in Santa Monica will be closed for 3-4 months after suffering extensive damage when a vehicle crashed into the building August 12, severing lines that released fuel and ignited flames. Crews temporarily shut off gas service to the surrounding area and authorities continue to investigate the incident.
Source: <http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Car-Building-Fire-in-Santa-Monica-321567061.html>
39. *August 12, WGCL 46 Atlanta* – (National) **Data breach impacts 6,000 Georgians, including Salvation Army.** A Salvation Army official announced August 12 that the personal information of 86 employees including, names, Social Security numbers, and dates of birth were compromised after a laptop from a third-party company, SterlingBackcheck, was stolen in May. The company, which performs background checks for the Salvation Army, announced that the breach impacts a total of 100,000 people nationwide after thieves stole the password-protected computer.
Source: <http://www.wtoc.com/story/29773990/data-breach-impacts-6000-georgians-including-salvation-army>

40. *August 12, WBAY 2 Green Bay* – (Wisconsin) **30 departments respond to 5 alarm fire east of Green Bay.** A 5-alarm fire at Smitty's Salvage yard in Green Bay prompted the response of nearly 30 fire departments and the evacuation of 2 nearby apartment complexes August 12 after a drill ignited fuel from a vehicle's gas tank. One firefighter sustained minor injuries and estimated damages totaled \$100,000.

Source: <http://wbay.com/2015/08/12/firefighters-fight-fire-on-green-bays-east-side/>

Dams Sector

Nothing to report



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